



ANNUAL REPORT

of

The Medical Officer of Health

for
LCHESHIRE

ALDERLEY EDGE

CHEADLE AND GATLEY

and WILMSLOW, URBAN DISTRICTS

COMBINED DISTRICTS.
and

ANNUAL REPORTS

of

The Chief Public Health Inspectors

For the Year 1956

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CHEADLE.

21st October, 1957.

To the Chairmen and Members of the Alderley Edge, Cheadle and Gatley, and Wilmslow Urban District Councils.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my report of the work done and conditions in the three sanitary districts for the year ending December 31st, 1956.

The Report is, as always, drawn up on the lines recommended by the Minister of Health on whose instructions and to whom these reports are made. The Report is again a joint one, as this has been found to be most valuable, but too much stress should not be laid upon individual figures.

There was no Maternal Death in any of the districts during 1956. The Infant Mortality in Alderley Edge was nil, and this offsets the rather high Mortalities during the previous years.

The statistics of all three districts are comparable with those of similar residential districts in other parts of the country. Last year attention was drawn to the number of deaths from cancer, but as will be seen this year all the three districts show a reduced number of deaths from this cause, in spite of the increases in population.

The reports of the Public Health Inspectors are given after my Report and continue to show satisfactory conditions. Special attention has been given during the year to work on the preparation and handling of food stuffs.

I thank all the Public Health staff and also the Clerks, Treasurers and Surveyors of the various Councils for their co-operation. I much appreciate the help of the members of the various Health Committees.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID G. ANDERSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
THE REPORTS OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS
FOR THE THREE URBAN DISTRICTS OF
ALDERLEY EDGE, CHEADLE & GATLEY AND WILMSLOW
STAFF.

(At 31st December, 1956)

Medical Officer of Health :

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Wilmslow.

Senior Public Health Inspector :

G. H. LANCASTER, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector :

F. D. BRINDLE, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

All the Public Health Inspectors hold the Certificate of the Royal Society of Health for the inspection of meat and other foods.

Clerical :

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Medical Officer's Office,

19, HIGH STREET, CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

(Tel. GATley 5068)

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Social Conditions : Whilst all three districts are in the main of a residential character, there is a small amount of industrial development in the north east corner of Chedale, while a considerable area of Wilmslow is rural in character particularly around Styal which is unlikely to alter. Alderley Edge is entirely residential.

Area (in acres) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population (mid 1956)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Census Population (April 9th, 1951)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1956) according to rate books	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rateable value (end of 1956)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sum represented by a penny rate (estimated)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR
(after correction for inward and outward transfers as furnished by the Registrar-General).

	Alderley Edge				Chedale and Gatley				Wilmslow			
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Live Births												
Total	48	26	22	464	253	211	292	152	140	292	152	140
Legitimate	...	...	...	454	245	209	278	143	135	278	143	135
Illegitimate	2	1	1	10	8	2	14	9	5	14	9	5
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	12.9			13.8			14.4			14.4		
Adjusted birth rate	12.1			14.9			14.7			14.7		
Still Births												
Total	1	1	0	8	1	7	6	4	2	6	4	2
Legitimate	1	1	0	8	1	7	6	4	2	6	4	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	21			17			20			20		
Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deaths (all causes)												
Total	53	3	31	437	24	214	232	30	121	232	111	121
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	14.2			13			11.5			11.5		
Adjusted death rate	12.9			12.6			13.3			13.3		
Deaths (Maternal)												
Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still)...	Nil			Nil			Nil			Nil		
Deaths of Infants under one year of age												
Total	0	0	0	7	6	1	9	4	5	9	4	5
Legitimate	0	0	0	7	6	1	8	3	5	8	3	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.												
All infants per 1,000 live births	0			22			31			31		
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births	0			22			28.8			28.8		
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births	0			0			71.4			71.4		

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIAL CAUSES.

					<i>Alderley Edge</i>	<i>Cheadle & Gatley</i>	<i>Wilmslow</i>
Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	4	72	27
Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Influenza (all ages)	...	...	...	...	—	2	4
Pneumonia (all ages)...	...	...	...	...	—	21	7
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary (all ages)	...	...	...	...	—	5	2
Tuberculosis—Other...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	1	5	3
Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	—	7	6

COMPARISON WITH ENGLAND AND WALES.

		<i>Birth Rate</i>	<i>Death Rate</i>	<i>Infant Mortality</i>	<i>Maternal Mortality</i>
Alderley Edge Urban District	...	12.1	12.9	—	—
Cheadle & Gatley Urban Dist.	...	14.9	12.6	22	—
Wilmslow Urban District	...	14.7	13.3	31	—
England and Wales		15.7	11.7	24	—

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) Staff.

A list of staff is given at the beginning of the Report.

Duties :—

The Medical Officer of Health is restricted from private practice and is Medical Officer of Health for the three districts, which also form the area covered by the Cheadle and Wilmslow Divisional Health Committee and by the Executive Committee for Education of the Cheshire County Council; the Medical Officer of Health being Divisional Medical Officer to both these Committees.

Public Health Inspectors.

In Alderley Edge the Public Health Inspector who is also Rodent Officer is part-time, but employed solely by the Authority. This arrangement has been found to work satisfactorily.

In Cheadle and Gatley the Senior Public Health Inspector is also Rodent Officer, Hackney Carriage Inspector and Inspector under the Petroleum Acts. There are two additional Public Health Inspectors, the senior of whom is responsible for cleansing and salvage, the Cleansing Department being administered separately from the Public Health Department.

In Wilmslow, the Senior Public Health Inspector is also Rodent Officer, is responsible for the removal and disposal of house refuse, and is Inspector under the Petroleum Acts. There is also an additional Public Health Inspector.

(b) Laboratory Facilities.

The Regional Public Health Laboratory at Monsall carries out the greater part of the work for this area. A collection service is available at Sharston Ambulance Station from Monday to Friday. A small amount of work is still dealt with by the Pathological Department of the Stockport and Buxton Hospital Management Committee.

The examinations done at the Public Health Laboratories are for the ascertainment and control of infectious diseases and the examination of foods bacteriologically.

(c) Hospitals.

There are in the district three Hospitals, one is Barnes Hospital, which is a subsidiary to the Manchester Royal Infirmary; Cheadle Royal Hospital which is for the reception of mental cases and is an excepted Hospital, although there are a number of National Health service beds; and Alderley Edge Cottage Hospital which comes under the Macclesfield & District Hospital Management Committee.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(a) Water Supply.

I am indebted to Mr. T. Dearden, the Water Engineer at Stockport for the following information :

- (1) The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory (a) in quality (b) in quantity.
- (2) Bacteriological examinations were made monthly of the raw water and weekly of the treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory. Chemical analyses were made monthly of the raw and treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory.
- (3) The water is chemically treated to prevent plumbo-solvent action, with satisfactory results. The chemical analyses are dealt with in (2) above.
- (4) The water is stored in impounding reservoirs, treated by mechanical filtration plant and subsequently chlorinated.

With reference to the water supply in Wilmslow, when it is necessary to use boreholes the water is mixed with water from the upland surface supplies and this will continue to be done until a softening plant is available at these works.

(b) Drainage and Sewerage.

Alderley Edge—With reference to the Joint Sewage Disposal Works between Alderley Edge and Wilmslow, approval in principle has been obtained from the Minister but the necessary authority to commence the work has not yet been obtained.

Cheadle and Gatley—The Cheadle Hulme outfall sewer has been completed and I am glad to say that this has relieved the surcharging of the sewers and made provision for the considerable development in the area. Loan sanction has been obtained from the Ministry in connection with the new surface water sewer dealing with the Outwood Road area. This is a £20,000 scheme.

Bacteriological Examination.

	<i>Goyt Valley</i>	<i>Kinder</i>	<i>Lyme Park</i>	<i>Wilmslow</i>
Aerobic micro-organisms growing in yeastral agar	No of colonies per c.c. of water	No. of colonies per c.c. of water	No. of colonies per c.c. of water	No. of colonies per c.c. of water
in 3 days at 22°C.	1	0	0	0
in 2 days at 37°C.	3	0	1	3
Bacteria associated with sewage or faecal pollution	Not found in 100 m.l.	Not found in 100 m.l.	Not found in 100 m.l.	Not found in 100 m.l.
Bacterium coli				
Probable number of coli-aerogenes bacteria per 100 c.c. of water	nil	nil	nil	nil
Report	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

Chemical Examination

Reaction—pH value	8.06	7.57	7.57	7.60
Colour in 2 ft. glass tube				
Hazen solution p.p.m. pt. ...	7	6	3	13
Turbidity—Silica Standard—p.p.m.	0.2	0.5	—	1.1

	Parts per million	Parts per million	Parts per million	Parts per million
Total Solids dried at 110°C. ...	—	—	—	—
Suspended Solids dried at 110°C. ...	—	—	—	—
Free Acidity as CO ₂	1.5	3.3	2.7	9.2
Free Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	—	—	—	—
Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	14.7	10.9	23.3	154

Hardness				
Carbonate hardness	15	11	23	143
Non-carbonate hardness	29	26	50	Nil
Total	44	37	73	143
Combined Chlorine (Cl ₂)	10.5	11.5	17.0	29.0
Nitrates-Nitric Nitrogen as N ₂ ...	0.40	0.60	0.56	0.28
Nitrites-Nitrous Nitrogen as N ₂ ...	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.003
Free and Saline Ammonia as N ₂ ...	—	0.010	0.012	0.012
Albuminoid Ammonia as N ₂	0.008	0.018	0.034	0.004
Oxygen absorbed test, 4 hours at 27°C.	0.90	0.62	0.68	0.31
Iron in solution as Fe	—	—	—	—
Total Iron as Fe	—	—	—	0.94
Manganese as Mn	0.04	0.01	0.08	0.04
Silica (SiO ₂)	4.2	4.7	4.3	7.7
Alumina Al ₂ O ₃	0.44	0.80	0.08	0.43
Alumina as Sulphate of Alumina ...	3.1	5.6	0.6	3.0
Lead as Pb taken up in second 24 hours	0.48	0.50	0.39	0.73
Fluoride as F.	0.06	0.01	0.09	0.09
Reports :	This water is quite satisfactory	This water is quite satisfactory	This water is quite satisfactory	This water is quite satisfactory

Wilmslow—During the year Ministry sanction was obtained (to Contract No. 6) which involves approximately 4 miles of sewers and the rebuilding of the Northern Sewage Disposal Works. An application has gone forward for another main outfall primarily for the Manchester overspill housing in Handforth. A short length of foul sewer on the main road has been completed so that all houses between the River Dean and Bluebell Hotel are now connected to the foul sewer. There were two sewer collapses during the year and the opportunity was taken, while relaying one in North Oak Lane, to make provision for a further extension into Racecourse Road.

(c) Public Cleansing.

In Alderley Edge a weekly collection has been maintained. In Cheadle and Gatley a weekly collection has been maintained except at holiday periods. In Wilmslow the collection was between 9 and 10 days (this has now been improved by the bringing into service of another vehicle).

(d) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The reports of the Senior Public Health Inspectors of all three districts are given at the end of this Report.

SECTION D. HOUSING.

Existing Houses.

Work on these continues and a commencement has been made on the Slum Clearance Programme.

New Houses (completed since the war) are :

<i>Alderley Edge</i>		249 Houses
<i>Cheadle & Gatley</i>		2579 Houses
<i>Wilmslow</i>		1506 Houses

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

As reported previously all three areas are now "Specified Areas" and therefore no milk other than designated milks can be sold and the sampling results have been good.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

There is no change in the methods of dealing with meat.

(c) Adulteration, etc.

This is the responsibility of the Food and Drugs Authority, i.e., the County Council, and I am indebted to Mr. Stacey Hallard, the Chief Inspector of the County Weights and Measures Department for the following information :-

		<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Reported Against</i>	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Reported Against</i>
		1955		1956	
Alderley Edge					
Milks ...	...	4	Nil	6	Nil
Other	...	4	Nil	2	Nil
Cheadle and Gatley					
Milks ...	...	23	2	41	Nil
Other	...	34	3	18	1
Wilmslow					
Milks ...	...	29	3	26	2
Other		8	Nil	12	Nil

Details of Samples reported against.

In Cheadle and Gatley a tin of thick Cream was found to be deficient in milk-fat to the extent of 50%. This was a tin of cream purchased at a branch shop of a multiple firm. The lable on the tin itself did not suggest that the article was "Thick Cream" but a shop assistant had placed a large card bearing the words "Thick Cream" on the display stand. The sample was analysed on the basis of "Thick Cream" and accordingly found to be deficient in milk-fat. Had the larger card not been placed on the stand the sample (on the basis of the label on the tin itself) would have been certified as genuine. The firm was subsequently fined £3 and £1 15. 0. costs. In Wilmslow the two samples of milk were found to be genuine, but abnormally deficient of 1.1% of solids-not-fat. No action was taken in this direction.

Mr. Hallard remarks that in view of the fact that the one prosecution was not concerned with the sale of an adulterated or inferior article (the tin itself bore a correct label) the result of the year's sampling can be considered highly satisfactory.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(a) The following cases were notified during the year :—

	<i>Alderley Edge</i>		<i>Cheadle & Gatley</i>		<i>Wilmslow</i>	
	<i>Original</i>	<i>Corrected</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Corrected</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Corrected</i>
Scarlet fever ...	—	—	47	47	3	3
Whooping Cough... ..	5	5	91	91	17	17
Measles	1	1	127	127	3	3
Pneumonia	1	1	9	9	4	4
Respiratory Tuberculosis	4	4	9	9	3	3
Other Tuberculosis	—	—	4	4	1	1
Food Poisoning	—	—	1	1	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	—	—	4	4	2	2
Acute Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	—	—	1	1	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	3	1	4	4
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—

The number of cases of Paralytic Poliomyelitis was larger than previous years and this incidence was common to the other districts near us, Manchester, Stockport and Macclesfield, but it could not be said that there was actually an outbreak in this area. Two of the cases in Cheadle occurred in one family and the cases were distributed throughout the year.

(b) Tuberculosis.

During the year 1956 there were notified for the first time the following cases of tuberculosis :

	<i>Pulmonary</i>			<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Alderley Edge ...	3	1	4	—	—	—
Cheadle and Gatley	8	1	9	1	3	4
Wilmslow ...	1	2	3	1	—	1

The incidence of Primary Tuberculosis in the district keeps very constant.

SECTION G.

Factories Act, 1937.

The following are those portions of the return made under Section 128 (3) for which there were figures recorded :—

Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :—

<i>Premises</i>		<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Ins- pections</i>	<i>No. of written notices</i>	<i>Owners Prose- cuted</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.					
	A.E.	7	7	—	—
	C. & G.	76	81	—	—
	W.	30	9	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.					
	A.E.	27	36	5	—
	C. & G.	96	56	—	—
	W.	87	37	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).					
	A.E.	—	—	—	—
	C. & G.	19	36	—	—
	W.	15	3	—	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found :—

<i>Particulars.</i>		<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred by H.M. Ins- pector</i>
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) ...	A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	2	2	—
	W.	6	6	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Unsuitable or Defective	A.E.	5	4	—
	C. & G.	—	—	—
	W.	1	1	—
(b) Insufficient... ..	A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	4	4	—
	W.	1	1	—

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Alderley Edge—4

Cheadle and Gatley—Nil

Wilmslow—12

SECTION H.

ACTION UNDER SECTION 47, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

During the year it was found necessary to apply this Section in the Cheadle and Gatley Urban District, to an old lady who was living under insanitary conditions and was unable, because of her age, to properly look after herself. The action was taken as an emergency and further action was taken in the Court, but she settled down very well and it was not necessary to renew the Order the second time. I find this section has some value in getting people to go voluntarily and it can be explained to them, that if they do not, it may be necessary to bring a Magistrate.

SECTION I.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE.

I am indebted to Mr. B. K. Barber for the following information regarding the Blood Transfusion Service. Although no longer a duty of the Local Health Services, it was started in conjunction with them and Mr. Barber draws attention to the valuable work done by the voluntary organisers in the area who are as follows and I would like to corroborate this :

Cheadle Mrs. Morris, 43 Broadway, Cheadle.

Wilmslow (Lacey Green)...Mr. Stennett, 6 Marbury Road,
Lacey Green

Alderley Edge Mrs. N. C. Tansley, "Little Fields,"
Moss Road, Alderley Edge

Cheadle Hulme Mrs. Charney, 19 Linden Road,
Cheadle Hulme

During the year the following sessions were held :

Alderley Edge	...	...	2 sessions,	123 blood donations	
Wilmslow	...	...	8	„	725 „
Cheadle	...	...	4	„	420 „
Cheadle Hulme		...	2	„	238 „
Wilmslow (Lacey Green)	2	„	117	„	„

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1956.

					<i>Alderley Edge</i>		<i>Cheadle and Gatley</i>		<i>Wilmslow</i>	
					M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	—	—	4	1	2	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	—	—	2	—	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	—	—	5	1	1	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	1	—	9	5	4	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	—	2	1	7	—	3
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	—	—	—	6	—	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	...	...	...	1	—	13	24	7	6
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	—	—
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	—	—	2	—	1	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	2	8	34	46	13	21
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	7	6	40	23	23	17
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	1	—	3	5	1	1
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	2	5	16	31	13	22
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	2	2	22	12	7	9
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	—	—	1	1	1	3
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	1	1	9	12	4	3
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	—	2	14	6	7	1
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	1	—	4	1	—	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	—	—	4	—	3	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	—	—	—	3	—	2
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	—	—	4	—	1	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	—	—	3	1	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	3	4	21	19	13	16
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	—	1	2	3	2	1
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	—	—	4	3	3	3
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	1	—	6	3	4	3
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
ALL CAUSES					22	31	223	214	111	121

ALDERLEY EDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Alderley Edge Urban District Council*

Mrs. Bickmore, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the work done by the Public Health Inspector's Department for the year 1956.

The branches of the work have been placed under separate headings and comments made where necessary.

I wish to thank you for the consideration which you have given me and I also thank the Officials of the Council for their help during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. A. BARKER,

Public Health Inspector.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Total No. of Inspections and Revisits</i>	<i>Informal Notices Served</i>	<i>Informal Notices Complied with</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Served</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Complied with</i>
Dwellings :					
P.H. Acts	55	14	13	1	1
Housing Acts	95	—	—	—	—
Food Premises :					
Ice Cream Premises ...	18	—	—	—	—
Provision Shops ...	35	4	4	—	—
Butchers' Shops ...	21	6	6	—	—
Fried Fish Shops ...	11	3	3	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens ...	14	—	—	—	—
Bakehouses	11	3	2	—	—
Greengrocery and Wet Fish	6	1	1	—	—
Other Food Premises ...	27	6	5	—	—
General :					
Infectious Diseases ...	3	—	—	—	—
Schools	3	—	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances ...	5	2	2	—	—
Shops Act	28	4	3	—	—
Dairies and Milk Shops	43	1	1	—	—
Factories Act	43	5	4	—	—
Outworkers	4	—	—	—	—
Drainage... ..	104	12	12	2	2
Flooding	2	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	141	1	1	—	—
Rag Flock Act	2	—	—	—	—
Pet Shop	4	—	—	—	—
Ashbins	12	3	3	—	—
Slaughter of Animals Act	7	—	—	—	—
General Nuisances ...	20	8	8	—	—
Totals	714	73	68	3	3

HOUSING.

During the year consideration was given to the various properties considered to be unfit ; 5 houses were demolished and a closing order made on another.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES.

(1) There are in the Urban Area, the following premises where food is prepared, stored and sold :

Bakehouses	...	...	...	5
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	5
Cooked Meat Manufacturers	...	...	...	6
Fried Fish and Chip Shops	...	...	...	3
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	4
Ice Cream Dealers	...	...	...	10
Ice Cream Makers	...	...	...	1
Office Canteen Kitchens	...	...	...	2
Restaurant Kitchens	...	...	...	3
School Kitchens	...	...	...	4
Provision Shops	...	...	...	15
Fish and Greengrocery	...	...	...	3
Greengrocery	...	...	...	1

During the year the Food Hygiene Regulations were enforced ; the chief matter dealt with was the provision of washhand basins and sinks and constant hot water supply. All the actions were of an informal nature.

(2) Food Surrendered and Condemned :

Ten tins of Food with a total weight of 22 lbs. were condemned. The disposal of all condemned food was at the Council refuse tip where it was either burned or buried.

(3) Bacteriological Examination of Ice Cream.

<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Grade 1</i>	<i>Grade 2</i>	<i>Grade 3</i>	<i>Grade 4</i>
12	10	1	1	nil

There is one manufacturer of ice cream in the district ; the remainder of the dealers sell products manufactured by various firms.

The above-mentioned laboratory gradings can be treated as generally satisfactory.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Five dairy farms situated in the Urban Area are under the supervision of the Milk Production Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Biological samples of milk taken in the course of distribution in the area were submitted for examination for tubercular infection ; all the samples proved to be negative.

The number of persons registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations are as follows :—

Retail Distributors	...	...	4
Milk Shops	...	...	2

The number and designation of the licences under the Milk Regulations, 1949, are as follows :—

Dealers' Licences :

Sterilised	...	...	1
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	2
Pasteurised	...	...	1

Supplementary Licences :

Sterilised	...	...	2
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	3
Pasteurised	...	...	3

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

Class of Milk	No. of Samples	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test		Turbidity Test		Laboratory Examination
		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Failure
Heat treated	12	10	—	11	—	1	—	1

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

Class of Milk			No. of Samples	Negative	Positive	Void
Heat Treated	...	...	1	1	—	—
Raw Designated	...	...	6	6	—	—
Totals	...	...	7	7	—	—

RAG FLOCK.

There is one registered factory in the area to which the Act applies and this factory has been inspected.

RODENT CONTROL.

One trained part-time operative is employed and he uses methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The infestations were chiefly of a minor character.

The Council receive a 50% grant of approved expenditure from the Ministry.

The following table gives details of the work done by the Rodent Operator during the year :

<i>Type of Property</i>	<i>No. of Properties infested by Rats</i>	<i>No. of Properties seriously infested by Mice</i>	<i>No. of Treatments Undertaken</i>
Owned by Local Authority ...	4	—	16
Dwellings	15	6	52
Business Premises ...	—	4	14
Agricultural Premises	—	—	—
Totals ...	19	10	82

SHOPS INSPECTION.

As Sanitary Authority, this Council is responsible for the enforcing of the provisions concerning Heating, Ventilation and Sanitary Conveniences, of the Shops Act, and during the year shops were inspected for this purpose.

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in the area are supplied from the Stockport Corporation mains, except a small-holding which has water hand pumped from a well.

There are no stand pipes in the area.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The Refuse Disposal is by controlled tipping on a suitable site in Windmill Wood, "The Edge," and normally a weekly collection is maintained.

SALVAGE

55 $\frac{3}{4}$ tons of Salvage was sold during the year giving an income to the Authority of £424 10s. 0d.

CHEADLE & GATLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
19, High Street,
Cheadle.

September, 1957.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Cheadle & Gatley Urban District Council*

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1956.

I have the honour to present my annual report on the work of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1956.

This report is drawn up on the basis of the recommendations of Circular 1956, issued by the Ministry of Health, as to the information to be supplied in the annual reports.

Three of the four slaughter houses in the area have been particularly active during the year, necessitating evening and week-end inspections.

During the year Mr. K. Morgan, the additional Public Health Inspector, left this district to take up a similar appointment in Letchworth, and it was some time before this position was filled. Mr. A. Riley was eventually appointed to this position and commenced these duties in August.

I desire to express my thanks to Mr. Morgan and Mr. Riley and other members of the Council's staff for their co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T. HAYES,

Senior Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

<i>Nature of Inspections</i>	<i>No. of visits</i>	<i>Informal Notices Served</i>	<i>Informal Notices Complied with</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Served</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Complied with</i>
Houses Inspected under Public Health Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	165	35	35	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	220	47	47	—	—
Number of re-visits to the above	316	—	—	—	—
Houses Inspected under the Housing Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	67	12	12	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	115	—	—	—	—
Number of re-visits to the above	273	—	—	—	—
General					
Infectious Disease	57	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	6	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds	70	—	—	—	—
Stables and Piggeries	15	—	—	—	—
Smoke Observations	10	—	—	—	—
Public Conveniences	19	—	—	—	—
Factories and Workplaces...	173	6	6	—	—
Shops all types	756	—	—	—	—
Petroleum Acts	116	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	215	—	—	—	—
Places of Public Entertainment, Public Houses, etc.	59	6	6	—	—
Verminous Premises	21	—	—	—	—
Drainage	216	37	37	—	—
Slaughterhouses	816	—	—	—	—
Hairdressers	41	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	3746	143	143	—	—

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year considerable work has been carried out by the Council's Rodent Operative. A free service is available to the occupiers of all dwelling houses, and the occupiers of business premises are always anxious to co-operate in giving the Operative free access to examine and treat the premises—if found necessary. All business premises pay for these treatments, and large works are dealt with under annual agreements.

The sewerage system in the district has remained particularly free from infestation. Whenever extensions to the sewers have been made on new housing estates tests have been carried out with a view to checking as to whether infestation of the sewers could take place from the surface, or, alternatively, if surface infestation was taking place from the sewers. In all cases the results have been negative.

There were no serious cases of major infestation of either rats or mice in any part of the district.

The following table is a statistical record, as supplied to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in accordance with their requirements :

	<i>Type of Property</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Dwelling Houses</i>	<i>Agri-cultural</i>	<i>All other premises (including Business and Industrial)</i>	
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1956 as a result of					
(a) Notification ...	3	234	1	32	270
(b) Survey under the Act	5	2	6	15	28
(c) Otherwise e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose	—	476	15	182	673
Total Inspections carried out including re-inspections ...	8	712	22	229	971
Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by					
(a) Rats : Major ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Minor ...	6	227	1	34	268
(b) Mice : Major: ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Minor ...	2	9	0	13	24
Number of infested properties treated by the Local Authority...	8	236	1	47	292
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	32	472	5	188	692

Disinfestation.

Several properties have been treated for the elimination of minor pests such as fleas and cockroaches. In each case commercial preparations were used and were found to be effective.

Meat, Milk and other Foods.

The number of premises, and mobile vehicles in the district which are concerned with the sale of all types of food and drink is as follows :—

Ice Cream Manufacturers and retailers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Milk Distributors (excluding farmer producers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Catering Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Confectioners (including bakehouses)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Grocery and provisions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Fish and Greengrocery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Greengrocery only	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Fish and chip shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Licensed premises (including clubs)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Food Hawkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16

As regards the last item in the above table, food hawkers have been registered under the Cheshire County Council Act 1953. There are various types, ranging from greengrocery to fishmongers and butchers. Food hawkers who have shops in the area do not come within the provisions of this Act.

The total number of inspections made at the food premises listed above, and to the hawkers vehicles, has been 756. There have been no difficulties up to the present in asking the proprietors to comply with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

There are no Clean Food Guilds in the area, but from time to time if informative circulars etc., have been received from the Ministry, information of use to the retailers has been extracted from these circulars and distributed to the shop managers.

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations :

It will be noted that there are forty registered ice cream manufacturers and retailers keeping premises in the area. There are, of course, others who come into the district. Of these forty, two are manufacturers, the remaining thirty-eight purchasing their commodities from well-known national manufacturers. Twenty-three samples of ice cream were taken during the year, nineteen of which came within Group I and the other four within Group II.

Milk & Dairies Orders.

Attached hereto (page 28) is a table setting out the number of samples of milk procured during the year, and the results obtained. As this area is now within a specified area only pasteurised, sterilised and tuberculin tested, may be sold in this district. There are three pasteurising establishments, and they are all well kept.

Foodstuffs.

The following table is a record of the foodstuffs for which Certificates of Voluntary Surrender have been issued during the year. There have been no special cases requiring the examination of particular stocks or bulk consignments.

Beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56 lbs.
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33 lbs.
Corned beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 tins.
Ox Tongue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 tins.
Luncheon Meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 tins.
Steak	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 tins.
Frozen lambs' livers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Chicken breasts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin
Beef loaf	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 tins.
Roasting chickens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Assorted vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54 tins.
Assorted fruits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100 tins.
Assorted soups	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 tins.
Assorted fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 tins.
Evaporated milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30 tins.
Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin

Tomatoes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 lbs.
Apples ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 lbs.
Raisins ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31 lbs.
Jelly Crystals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 packets
Chocolate Spread...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 jars.
Meat Essence ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 jar.
Calves Feet Jelly ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 jar.
Malted Milk ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Rhubarb puddings	...	...	...	...	...	...	22 tins.
Mincemeat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 tins.
Sauces ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 bottles
Cordials ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 bottles
Chocolate eclairs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Frozen eggs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.

Slaughterhouse Work :

The undermentioned statistics are a record of the numbers of animals slaughtered in the area. The table following is a total of the condemnations and reasons therefor. This work entailed 816 visits to the slaughterhouses.

The slaughterhouses in the area have been well maintained and kept in a clean condition. On the whole the quality of the animals slaughtered in this district is very high.

**Total animals slaughtered during the twelve months ending 31st
December 1956.**

Oxen	...	...	...	...	...	652
Cows	...	...	...	...	...	17
Sheep and lambs	...	...	...	...	...	4216
Calves	...	...	...	...	...	35
Pigs	...	...	...	...	...	2510

Oxen, or parts of oxen, condemned due to tuberculosis

1 heifer, complete carcase and all offals.
9 heads.
25 plucks.
1 mesentery.

Pigs, condemned due to tuberculosis

2 sows, complete carcasses.
2 pigs, complete carcasses.
82 heads.
59 plucks.

Condemnation due to "Other Causes"

1 calf	...	...	...	prematurity
2 pigs, complete carcasses	...	...	septic pericarditis	
1 pig, complete carcase	...	...	septic pneumonia.	
1 pig, complete carcase with all organs...	...	...	septic pericarditis	
1 half-side of pork (60 lbs.)	...	...	severe bruising	
4 hindquarters	...	...	severe bruising	
14 plucks	...	...	pneumonia	
3 plucks	...	...	pericarditis	
77 beasts' livers...	...	...	distomatosis (liver fluke)	
2 beasts' kidneys	...	...	nephritis	
15 sheeps' livers	...	...	various parasites	
56 sheeps' plucks	...	...	distomatosis (liver fluke)	

1956

Type of Milk	Total Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue (Keeping Quality)			Phosphatase (Sufficiently Heat-Treated)			Tubercle Bacilli			Turbidity Test	
		Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Absent	Present	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Pasteurised ...	9	9	9	0	9	9	0	—	—	—	—	—
T.T. Pasteurised ...	10	10	10	0	10	10	0	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculin-Tested ..	7	7	6	1	—	—	—	4	4	0	—	—
Sterilised ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	0
TOTAL—All Milks ...	31	26	25	1	19	19	0	4	4	0	5	0

WILMSLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Public Health Department,
Green Hall,
Wilmslow.

July, 1957.

**To the Chairman and Members of the Wilmslow Urban
District Council.**

Chairman, Mrs. Gordon and Gentlemen,

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1956.

I present herewith my Annual Report for 1956 which contains details of the work performed by your Public Health Inspectors whose duties cover a very wide field. In recent years these duties have been steadily increasing, both as the result of the growth of the district and the amount of new legislation which has placed additional duties on the department since the end of the war.

Some idea of the extent of the work carried out during the year can be obtained from the statistical information contained in the report, but it may not be readily appreciated from its perusal that certain sections of the work are not receiving adequate attention.

Meat Inspection increased considerably during 1956 when the number of animals slaughtered was almost double that of the previous year and nearly five times the pre-war figure. This service alone is now occupying a large proportion of the time of one Inspector, whereas just over two years ago there were no Meat Inspection duties at all. Other day-to-day work, which must receive immediate attention as it arises, has also increased considerably in recent years leaving very little opportunity for carrying out work of a routine

nature. The enforcement of the Food Hygiene Regulations and the inspection of houses either for repair or demolition under the Housing Acts, are two important branches in which very little progress is being made.

I feel I must draw your attention to this position as I can see no possibility of fulfilling all my duties in a satisfactory manner with the existing staff, which incidentally has not been increased for nearly 20 years.

I am pleased to report that there were no changes of staff during the year and once again I should like to thank both my staff and the officers of other departments for their co-operation and assistance during this period.

I am,

Chairman, Mrs. Gordon and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. H. LANCASTER,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

<i>Nature of Inspections.</i>	<i>No. of Visits</i>	<i>Informal Notices Served</i>	<i>Informal Notices Complied with</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Served</i>	<i>Statutory Notices Complied with</i>
Housing.					
Houses inspected under P.H.A.	128	58	55	4	4
Re-inspections under P.H.A.	356	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected under Housing Acts ...	29	—	—	10	7
Re-inspections under Housing Acts ...	74	—	—	—	—
General					
Refuse Collection and Disposal	269	23	21	2	2
Infectious Diseases ...	31	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	29	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds	18	—	—	—	—
Stables and Piggeries ...	10	1	—	—	—
Smoke Observations ...	11	2	—	—	—
Public Entertainment and Public Houses	6	1	1	—	—
Public Conveniences ...	2	—	—	—	—
Factories	53	7	7	—	—
Work Places	3	1	1	—	—
Shops Acts	7	1	1	—	—
Hairdressers and Barbers	5	—	—	—	—
Petroleum Acts	51	3	3	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	75	23	23	—	—
Special Visits	168	—	—	—	—
Meat and Food Inspection.					
Slaughterhouses	224	1	1	—	—
Butcher's Shops and Stalls	14	—	—	—	—
Wet Fish Shops	13	—	—	—	—
Fried Fish Shops	3	—	—	—	—
Other Food Shops	26	—	—	—	—
Bakehouses	9	—	—	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens ...	9	1	1	—	—
Ice Cream Premises	42	2	2	—	—
Dairies and Milk Shops	86	—	—	—	—
	1,751	124	116	16	13

Legal Proceedings

Legal action was taken to obtain the abatement of a nuisance from noise caused by crowing cockerels. An Order was made by the Court for the birds to be removed within four months and this was eventually complied with.

COMPLAINTS.

The Complaints registered during the year numbered 253 and are classified as follows :—

Defective Housing Conditions	...	...	...	21
Dampness	...	...	...	4
Choked and Defective Drains, Cesspools and Septic Tanks and Sewers	...	...	...	30
Insufficient or Defective Sanitary Accommodation...				10
Insufficient Light and Ventilation	...	...		1
Insanitary Conditions of Ditches and Ponds			...	6
Flooding	...	...	...	6
Accumulations of Refuse	...	...	...	10
Offensive Odours	...	...	...	8
Smoke and Dust Nuisances	...	...	...	6
Noise Nuisances	...	...	...	3
Unsound Food	...	...	...	5
Water Supply	...	...	...	17
Rats and Mice Infestation	...	...	...	84
Infestations by Flies, Mosquitoes, Ants, Wasps, etc.				20
Infestations by Rabbits, Moles and Foxes...			...	11
Keeping of Animals and Hens	...	...	...	7
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	4
				253

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

The following table shows the amount of spraying and fumigation undertaken in connection with the control of infectious diseases and verminous conditions :—

	<i>No. of Premises</i>	<i>No. of Rooms Sprayed or Fumigated</i>	<i>Household Effects Treated Separately</i>
Bed Bugs	—	—	—
Other Vermin	7	22	—
Infectious Diseases	6	17	—
Other Causes	—	—	—
	13	39	—
	—	—	—

In addition to the above, 6 Wasps' Nests were also destroyed on private property.

HOUSING.

During the year 11 Demolition Orders were made in respect of the following individual unfit houses, namely :—

Nos., 77 & 79 Hawthorn Street, Wilmslow.
Nos., 34 & 36 Church Road, Handforth.
No. 65 Gravel Lane, Wilmslow.
“Willow Cottage”, Hough Lane, Wilmslow.
“Cash’s Farm”, Altrincham Road, Wilmslow.
Nos., 6/14/18 Church Street, Wilmslow.
No. 61 Chapel Lane, Wilmslow.

The Council also accepted an undertaking from the owner of Battery House, Lindow Common, not to permit the house to be used for human habitation in its present condition.

By the end of the year the occupiers of six of the twelve houses had been found other accomodation and two of the houses (No. 61 Chapel Lane, and No. 6 Church Street) had been demolished.

The following is a summary of the progress made in connection with the Council’s Slum Clearance scheme in which it was estimated that it would be necessary to demolish 79 houses because of their unfitness.

No. of houses estimated to be unfit for habitation.	—	79
No. already demolished	—	13
No. empty and awaiting demolition.	—	6
No. closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners.	—	2

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

The position with regard to camping sites remains unchanged. There is still only one approved camping site licensed to take not more than 35 caravans at any one time. The number and position of individual caravans sited in various parts of the district is constantly changing. The Council issued 7 licenses during the year for the use of caravans on isolated sites, for residential purposes.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Meat Inspection :

There is one licensed private slaughterhouse in the district which is situated at Morley Green, Wilmslow.

The number of cattle, sheep and pigs slaughtered here in 1956 was 2,505 compared with 1,339 the previous year. The number of carcasses inspected at the slaughterhouse was 2,165 and the remaining 340 which were mostly pigs were consigned to the Manchester Wholesale Market where they were inspected by arrangement with the Markets Department. You will note therefore, that the inspection of 100% of the animals slaughtered at these premises was carried out but this was not achieved without neglecting other public health duties some of which were considerably curtailed or almost completely abandoned. Slaughtering took place on 5 days of each week and at some periods of the year my Assistant was engaged almost half his time on Meat Inspection duties each week. I shall continue to adopt the policy of giving priority to Meat Inspection work, but it must be emphasised that in order to do this other important public health duties are not being carried out in a proper manner.

From the amount of meat condemned which is shown in the following tables and which includes the whole carcasses of 19 cattle, 3 calves and 4 pigs, you will appreciate that it is very important that all animals should be inspected as undoubtedly a considerable proportion of this meat would find its way into the shops.

The information required by the Ministry of Health regarding the post-mortem inspection of animals, is given in the following table :—

RECORD OF MEAT INSPECTION FOR 1956

	<i>Cattle Excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number killed (if known)	747	560	20	15	1163	Nil
Number inspected	721	560	18	15	851	Nil
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	4	3	—	2	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	260	198	1	2	25	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci...	36%	36%	22%	13%	3%	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	13	—	—	2	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	65	174	—	—	33	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	9%	33%	—	—	4%	—
Cysticercosis :						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned... ..	9	2	—	—	—	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigera- tion	9	2	—	—	—	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

MEAT CONDEMNED

Tuberculosis

Cattle						No.	Weight lbs.
Whole Carcase and Offal	...	...	...	...	...	15	6930
Forequarters	...	...	...	...	...	2	180
Mesenteries and Intestines	...	...	...	...	...	2	60
Spleen	...	...	...	...	...	4	5
Lungs	...	...	...	...	...	186	1860
Livers	...	...	...	...	...	16	224
Heads	...	...	...	...	...	59	1652
Udders	...	...	...	...	...	8	52
Skirt	...	...	...	...	...	4	8
Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	1	10
Tongue	...	...	...	...	...	1	5

Pigs

Whole Carcase and Offal	...	...	...	...	...	2	310
Heads	...	...	...	...	...	27	371
Plucks	...	...	...	...	...	9	36
Lungs	...	...	...	...	...	2	6

Other Causes

Cattle	No.	Weight lbs.	Cause of Condemnation
Whole Carcase & Offal	4	1960	Fevered, Septicaemia, Oedema
Part Carcase	1	6	Pre-sternal Calcification
Part Flank	1	15	Oedema
Part Fore	1	12	Bruising
Flank & Flat Ribs	1	14	Bruising
Mesenteries & Intestines	1	30	Johne's Disease
Part Hind	1	110	Fracture
Forequarters	2	205	Bruising
Trimmings	1	10	Bruising
Udders	2	12	Mastitis
Kidneys	10	21	Nephritis, Cysts

Cattle	Weight		Cause of Condemnation
	No.	lbs.	
Tongue	1	4	Traumatic Injury
Spleen	6	8	Peritonitis
Heart	5	17	Cysticercus Bovis, Pericarditis
Skirt	13	24	Cysticercus Bovis, Oedema, Pleurisy
Heads	23	643	Cysticercus Bovis, Actino, Abscess
Lungs	33	330	Cysts, Distomatosis, Pleurisy, Congestion, Abscess, Actino, Pneumonia
Livers	421	6392	Distomatosis. Abscess, Cysts, Cirrhosis, Angioma, Necrosis, Neoplasm, Peritonitis, Amyloid Degeneration

Calves

Whole Carcase	3	70	Immaturity, Joint Ill, Fevered
Part Hind	1	6	Atrophy

Pigs

Whole Carcase	2	24	Fevered
Livers	16	49	Cirrhosis, Necrosis
Kidneys	3	3	Cysts, Nephritis
Pluck	4	16	Pleurisy & Peritonitis Congestion
Lungs	1	3	Pneumonia
Rind	1	12	Urticaria

Sheep

Livers	1	2	Cirrhosis
Legs	1	3	Atrophy

5 tons 3 cwts. 94 lbs.

Other Foods.

The following amounts of foodstuffs have been condemned as the result of complaints or routine inspections of food shops, necessitating the issue of 47 condemnation certificates.

Tinned and Preserved Food Condemned.

						<i>cwts.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>ozs.</i>
Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	—	98	3
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	—	3	12
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	—	17	4½
Spaghetti	...	...	...	...	...	—	8	0
Creamed Rice	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	0
Mayonnaise	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	10
Frozen Kidneys	...	...	...	...	...	—	66	0
Canned Meats	...	...	...	...	...	—	45	9½
						2	16	7

Other Food Condemned.

Cod Fillets	...	...	...	...	...	—	28	0
Live Crabs	...	...	...	...	...	—	30	0
Ham	...	...	...	...	...	—	26	16
Pork	...	...	...	...	...	—	79	0
Minced Meat	...	...	...	...	...	—	96	0
Danish Butter	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	8
						2	36	8

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

Food Hygiene Regulations.

The above Regulations became fully operative on the 1st July, 1956. These Regulations gave Local Authorities power to require a much higher standard of hygiene in every type of business where food is handled, prepared or stored. To obtain these improvements it will be necessary to make frequent inspections of all food premises, of which there are 163 in the district. I regret that it has not been possible during 1956 to commence routine inspections of food businesses, due to a considerable increase in other duties, particularly Meat Inspection, to which reference is made under that heading. With the present amount of day to day work which must receive attention, I can see no possibility of these Regulations being properly enforced with the existing staff. At the end of the year there were 278 different types of food businesses on the register, classified as follows :-

Grocers and Provision Merchants	...	...	57
Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	16
Bakehouses	...	...	15
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	...	15
Butchers	...	...	19
Fishmongers	...	...	9
Fish Fryers	...	...	4
Sweet Shops	...	...	19
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	45
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars	...	...	24
Licensed Premises	...	...	19
Hotels and Boarding Houses	...	...	5
Non-Residential Clubs	...	...	6
Industrial and Staff Canteens	...	...	3
Kitchens Preparing School Meals	...	...	5
Schools Serving School Meals	...	...	9
Cooked Meats	...	...	3
Market Stalls	...	...	5

MILK SUPPLY.

Distribution

The number of persons registered as distributors of milk and the number of dairies, other than dairy farms, are as follows :

Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Sampling—Raw Milk

As Wilmslow is included in a Specified Area, Tuberculin Tested Milk is the only raw milk which can be sold in the area. Thirty-seven samples were taken and submitted to the statutory tests with the following results :-

Bacteriological Examination of T.T. Milk.

<i>Designation</i>		<i>From Retailers</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Experi- ments Spoilt</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculin tested	...	37	36	1	—	37

Heat Treated Milk.

The Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Heat Treated Milk has been sampled regularly and submitted to the statutory tests with the following satisfactory results :-

		<i>From Local Pasteurising Plant</i>			
		<i>No. Taken</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Exp. Spoilt</i>
Pasteurised Milk.					
Methylene Blue	...	46	46	—	—
Phosphatase Test	...	46	46	—	—

		<i>From Outside Sources</i>			
		<i>No. Taken</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Exp. Spoilt</i>
Pasteurised Milk					
Methylene Blue		46	43	3	—
Phosphatase Test		46	44	1	1
Sterilised Milk					
Turbidity Test		1	1	—	—

The number of licences granted under the Special Designation Regulations were as follows :-

		<i>Dealer's Licences</i>	<i>Supplementary Licences</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculin Tested	...	10	7	17
Pasteurised	...	13	5	18
Sterilised	...	14	3	17

EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR TUBERCULOSIS

The majority of the samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk were also examined for the presence of tubercle bacilli but no positive samples were found as the following table shows :-

SUMMARY OF SAMPLES EXAMINED FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

<i>Designation.</i>	<i>No. of Samples Taken</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>
Tuberculin Tested ...	27	—	27
Pasteurised ...	2	—	2
	29	—	29

ICE CREAM

Almost all the ice cream sold in the district is supplied by the well-known national manufacturers. Some difficulty was experienced at one shop from which several consecutive samples which proved to be unsatisfactory were obtained. The Council were about to take action when the shopkeeper decided to change his source of supply.

The number of premises registered for the sale of ice cream at the end of the year was 56.

A summary showing the results of the samples examined is given below :-

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Grade I</i>	<i>Grade II</i>	<i>Grade III</i>	<i>Grade IV</i>
Manufactured locally	3	2	—	1	—
Made elsewhere ...	28	18	3	5	2
	—	—	—	—	—
	31	20	3	6	2
	—	—	—	—	—

WATER SUPPLY

There are now 18 premises in the urban district where a main supply of water is not available and these are situated in the following wards :-

<i>Ward</i>					<i>No. of premises Without Main supply</i>
Dean Row ...	...	...	...	...	2
Handforth ...	...	...	...	...	2
Hough ...	...	...	...	...	6
Morley ...	...	...	...	...	8
Styal ...	...	...	...	...	—
					—
					18
					—

Many complaints were received during the year both with regard to the discolouration and hardness of the water supplied by the Stockport Corporation Waterworks Department.

Both these matters were discussed at a meeting of representatives of the two authorities when it was agreed that the Water Engineer should take steps to reduce the hardness by mixing the hard water from the Wilmslow borehole with the softer water in the Alderley reservoir. As a result of this action there had been a noticeable improvement in the degree of hardness of the water now being supplied.

The discolouration of the water in the mains was due to insufficient flushing necessitated by the water shortage earlier in the year. Until normal routine flushing could again be undertaken, it was promised that immediate steps would be taken to flush any length of main about which complaint was made.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

The following summary gives details in brief of the work performed by the Rat Catcher during 1956 :-

No. of Premises Surveyed ...	...	...	...	1259
No. of Premises Treated ...	...	...	...	414
Methods employed :				
No. of pre-baits laid ...	...	...	...	434
No. of poison baits laid ...	...	...	...	2,647
Cases where traps used ...	...	...	...	93
Results obtained : No. of bodies found ...	...	...	...	
	Rats	...	...	829
	Mice	...	...	77

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

This Act requires the licensing of all premises where animals are sold as pets, and it is designed to prevent them from being kept under unsatisfactory conditions. Only one licence (for a shop at Handforth) has been granted in this area.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

There was an increase of three registrations in the number of premises where the business of Hairdresser or Barber is carried on. The premises of new applicants were inspected before registration, but I regret that no routine inspections of the other registered premises was possible during the year. The number of premises registered at the end of the year was :-

Ladies' Hairdressers ...	...	...	...	...	16
Barbers ...	...	...	...	...	6

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection

The average number of collections of refuse made from each house in 1956 was 40. This is not regarded as satisfactory and I am pleased to report that the Council are taking steps to improve the frequency of collection during the coming year.

In July a new "Paxit" refuse collection vehicle was delivered and replaced an old side-loading vehicle. This had the effect of improving the collection in the area in which it operated.

Disposal.

All house and trade refuse was disposed of by tipping on land owned by the Council at Newgate

Salvage.

A salvage scheme was operated in conjunction with the house refuse collection services and the amounts of the various materials separated and sold were as follows :-

	Weight			Value		
	Tons	cwts.	lbs.	£	s.	d.
Waste paper, books, etc. ...	256	14	56	1,797	4	0
Ferrous metals	46	12	56	303	9	11
Non-ferrous metals	—	12	20	67	4	3
Textiles	14	7	6	309	11	0
Rubber Tyres	—	5	0	3	0	0
	318	11	26	£2,480	9	2

Legal Proceedings.

Legal action was taken under the Public Health Act, 1936, against a person who closed the means of access by which refuse was removed from a dwelling house. Arising out of the Court proceedings the defendant agreed to provide another means of access which was acceptable to the Council.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1936.

Although it is not part of a Public Health Inspector's normal duties, the task of administering the law with regard to the conveyance, storage, etc., of Petroleum Spirit has been one of my responsibilities for many years. Owing to additional legislation, an increase in the number of premises where petrol is stored and the age of many of the installations, the work of supervising the proper storage facilities in this district has considerably increased and once again I must report that it can only be done at the expense of some other duty.

There are 34 premises where petrol is stored at which there are 91 underground tanks for which licences permitting the storage of 50,550 gallons have been issued.

I wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the County Council's Fire Brigade Department for the annual inspection of the fire precautions at all these premises.

Legal Proceedings.

Legal proceedings were taken against a private householder for the storage of petroleum spirit in contravention of the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928. A warrant to search the premises was obtained and about 60 gallons of petrol were found and seized. The defendant was fined £5, ordered to pay £10 costs, and the petrol was confiscated.



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